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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1375

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Local Food and Farm Task Force.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Sullivan

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Local Food and Farm Task Force to create a plan to expand and support a system under which raw agricultural products are produced, processed, distributed, and sold.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* This bill is expected to increase Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) expenses by at least approximately \$2,700 to \$3,600 per year. This estimate does not include any additional expenses associated with staffing the Local Food and Farm Task Force, reporting costs, and reimbursement costs for state employees that serve on the Task Force.

Additional Information: This bill establishes the Local Food and Farm Task Force. The Task Force is to be staffed by the IEDC, and Task Force expenses are to be paid from appropriations made to the IEDC.

The bill requires the Task Force to develop a plan that will expand and support a system where raw agricultural products are produced, processed, distributed, and sold as well as assesses and overcomes obstacles to increasing locally grown food production. An interim plan is to be submitted to the General Assembly by October 1, 2012, with the final plan due by October 1, 2013.

The bill specifies membership for the Task Force. Membership is to consist of 5 state employees and 5 nonstate employees. State employees that serve on the Task Force are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses and any other expenses incurred in connection with the member's duties. Nonstate employees are

entitled to the minimum salary per diem as well as reimbursement for travel expenses and any other expenses incurred in connection with the member's duties.

As established by the Indiana Department of Administration, lay members would be entitled to \$50 per diem and \$0.40 mileage reimbursement. Assuming that the Task Force met 6 to 8 times during the year, and per diem costs are estimated at \$1,500 to \$2,000 per year. Assuming that the average mileage round trip for the meeting is 100 miles per lay member, mileage costs are estimated to be between \$1,200 and \$1,600 per year. Total annual costs for lay members are estimated to be between \$2,700 and \$3,600.

The five state employees on the Local and Organic Food and Farm Task Force would also be eligible to receive mileage reimbursement. If all meetings were held in Indianapolis (at the State Office Building Complex) there would be no additional mileage expense. However, if meetings are held away from the state office buildings, additional mileage expenses may be incurred.

Background Information: The Indiana State Department of Health provided staff support to a similar commission in FY 2008 and FY 2009. The cost to the ISDH was the staff time spent preparing for and attending the commission meetings as well as subcommittee meetings, printing costs for agendas, minutes, and information distributed to the commission members, and consulting costs for editing the final report. Various ISDH staff averaged approximately 60 hours for each meeting of the commission and for subcommittee meetings.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: IEDC; Department of Agriculture; Secretary of Commerce; Family and Social Services Administration; Indiana State Department of Health; Office of the State Veterinarian.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Indiana Department of Administration.

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